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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CONFERENCE OF ANDEAN PACT CARRIERS

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1. ACCORDING TO VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT SOURCES, WHICH WERE SOMEWHAT VAGUE, PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE WAS PRIMARILY TO CREATE ASSOCIATION OF ANDEAN BLOC CARRIERS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF RECENTLY FORMED LATIN AMERICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY.

2. VENEZUELAN STATE THAT NEW ASSOCIATION IS BASICALLY A GROUP TO REPRESENT CARRIERS' INTERESTS VERSUS ANDEAN BLOC AUTHORITIES. WHILE SMALLER NATIONS ARE STILL PUSHING FOR COMMON CARRIER, STARTING WITH THE LONG-DISCUSSED FREIGHT AIRLINE, VENEZUELA IS NOT INTERESTED IN SUCH A VENTURE AND WOULD PREFER POOLS AMONG ANDEAN BLOC CARRIERS.

3. DISCRIMINATORY POSSIBILITIES AGAINST CARRIERS FROM OUTSIDE BLOC APPARENTLY WERE TOUCHED UPON BUT AGAIN VENEZUELA PROFESSES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT TO FAVOR SUCH PRACTICES, ESPECIALLY NOT IF ANDEAN BLOC

CARRIERS TOGETHER WOULD ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS WITH COUNTRIES OUTSIDE BLOC. VENEZUELA APPARENTLY FEELS THAT SUCH A MULTI-NATIONAL GROUP SHOULD NOT NEGOTIATE WITH SINGLE COUNTRIES AND APPARENTLY WILL CONTINUE TO INSIST ON BILATERAL TALKS.

4. VENEZUELANS THUS APPEAR TO FEEL THAT NEW ASSOCIATION WILL NOT BE VERY EFFECTIVE EXCEPT AS FRAMEWORK IN WHICH ANDEAN BLOC CARRIERS WILL DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF INTEREST ONLY TO THEM AND REGARDING TRAFFIC AMONG BLOC MEMBER STATES.
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